KERSHAW AFIRE IN THE OPEN SEA

Passengers Huddled On Deck Ready to Leave the Ship.

THE DORCHESTER STANDS BY

Alleged Firebug Proves An Alibi in Norfolk County Jail.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NORFOLK, VA., August 8.-The steamer Dorchester, of the Merchants and Miners Line, which arrived to-day, re ported that she met her sister ship, the Kershaw, at sea on fire. She stood by er for three hours till it was safe for the Kershaw to continue her voyage from lialtimore to Boston. The Dorchester was ound here from Providence, R. L. when pt 5 o'clock yesterday morning, she met the Kershaw off Cape Henlopen with disress signals out and her hold ablaze.

The passengers were crowded forward on deck with rain-coats on and baggage ready, and in a panic to be removed. The fire was extinguished and the Kershaw resumed her voyage. The Dorchester left here to-night for Baltimore. PROVES ALIBI IN JAIL.

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Earl Jones, the alleged accomplice of Frank Moore, George Birch and George Williams, under arrest at Raieigh, N. C., in connection with the oil fire and murder in that city on May 20th last, who was reported to be in the orfolk city jail, has been located in the Norfolk county jail in Portsmouth. He is serving a sentence imposed for trespassing on the property of the Seaboard Air Line Railway, and has been in jail since May 17th. He denles any connection with the Raway, and has been in fail since May 17th. He denies any connection with the Ralicigh fire and murder, and that he was not in Raleigh on the night of May 20th is vouched for by the Norfolk county fail officials, who have records to show that Jones was first arrested and committed to fail May 17th, and afterward recommitted on May 18th, the day of his control of the committed on May 18th, the day of his control of the committed on May 18th, the day of his rial, since which date he has not been

trial, since which date he has not been cut of jail.

DR. THATCHER NCT MENTIONED.

Mr. Henry Finck, who has returned from Washington, with his attorney, William H. Wylte, says that he examined the slieged will of his wife there, and there was no mention of the alleged bequest of the house in which he lived to Rev, Dr. J. E. Thatcher, the pastor of he Second Presbyterian Church here. —I's, Finck attended that church, but there was no evidence that she intended to give a house to the pastor beyond the purported statement as to the contents of the alleged will proclaimed by Mrs. Fauline Heinz, of Chicago and Washington, which Mr. Finck says is not a true will. Under the latter document, Mrs. ton, which Mr. Finck says is not a true will. Under the latter document, Mrs. Heinz and her son, Augustus, are the beneficiaries. Rev Dr. Thatcher has not made a statement as regards the will, and the property alleged to be left to him. WILL GO TO RICHMOND.

The announcement that the State Cor-poration Commission had fixed September peration Commission and Fixed expensions:

12th at the date for the railroad rate
hearing, has created a great deal of
interest among local business and railroad men. A number of leading men wai
go from Norfolk to attend the hearing.

The State Board of Trade will co-operate
with the commission in the fight which with the commission in the fight which the railroads will wage on the strength of an ancient law. The constitutionality of that law will be the bone of conten-

ISLE OF WIGHT GIRL WEDS.
A license has been issued at the clerk's
office for the marriage of Miss Ruth
Pierce, of isle of Wight county, to Mackfu J. Brown, formerly of Gloucester county, and now of Norfolk. The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Junius Flerce, of Isle of Wight, near Smithfield.

SHAW SPEAKS TO REPUBLICANS

rich in resources, rich in history, rich in blood, and at one time she was the richest of all the States in statesmanship. If her wealth of statesmanship has been less noticeable in recent years than in pre-vious periods, let me assure you that it is because greater stress has been laid is because greater stress has been laid upon factional politics than upon the wise solution of public questions. "If Virginia has not maintained her prestige it is because factional devotion to traditions has supplanted that thoughful consideration of public questions which marked the garcers of their fathers. Virginians have remained loyal stockholders of the great corporation, their representatives have appeared on the board of directors, but they have not been adequately represented on the executive committee. I invite them back to their appropriate place among fenders of thought and leaders of action."

Republican Spirit.

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Speaking along general lines the Secretary then said: "The spirit of the last half century was Republican. It was progressive. The spirit of the twente, at century will be Republican. It will be progressive, Judging the future by the post, is there reason to doubt that the communities most in harmony with the spirit of the century will gather most from the rich harvests of progress? I come to preach the gospel of American progress and to teach those principles and policies which have made us what we are, and which will carry us to yet higher planes and to grander achievements when ever, under God, the brain of the South and the brain of the North, the brain of the East and the brain of the West, shall be allied for affirmative action, and when no portion of our common country shall be longer held wedded to negative traditions which tend only to retard.

"And now, my friends, what are these principles that divide parties? The parties separate primarily on questions of political economy. Every industrious citizen is both a producer and a consumer.

Appeals to Producer. Republican Spirit.

fillment. Whenever they have put their policies in operation we have had the sheap products of labor, for, the products of cheaper foreign labor have found our markets in super abundance, But cheap products of labor mean cheap labor. Cheap factory product carries as a concomitant curse low wages for the artisan means curtailed consumption of farm products. Cuttailed consumption of farm products results in a reduction in prices means loss to the producer of clothes, of furniture, of carpets, of machinery, of building materials, and every other article of rural consumption. All this is but another name for stagnation and panic, which has marked every experiment with tariff for revenue only from the beginning of our history until now.

Vote of Thanks.

At the conclusion of Mr. Shaw's speech, on motion of a delegate a rising vote of thanks was given him, in the midst of the enthusiasm, Brock Stovall, of Danville, proposed three cheers for Secretary Shaw, and the convention responded.

The convention then adjourned until 10 y'clock to-morrow. The convention then o'clock to-morrow.

FRANK B. WOODSUN.

THE METHODISTS.

District Conference in Session in Luray.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) LURAY, VA., Aug. 8.-The District Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, convened in Luray to-day, the introductory sermon being preached to-night by Rev. B. F. Ball, of Waynes-

boro.

The exercises throughout the day were devoted to the cause of mission, interesting addresses being delivered by Rev. H. S. Coe, of Mt. Jackson; Dr. Duffey, of Harrisonburg, and Dr. Campbell, of Staunton, each showing a healthy condition of missions in the district. The district is composed of churches in Rockingham, Page, Shenandoah and Augusta churches neuentu neututpau ueptuanapo counties

Horton-Codling.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

BEDFORD CITY, VA., August 8.—Miss
Mildred Pearl Cowling, the very handsome and attractive daughter of Mr. Samuel B. Cowling, was wed to Mr. Albert
Sidney Horton, of Langtry Texas, at 9
o'clock Monday evening, Rev. S. J. Battin,
of the Methodist Church, officiating. It
was a quiet though very beautiful home
marriage, witnessed only by the relatives
and intimate friends of the family.

After the ceremony the company re-After the ceremony the company re-

sister of the groom, where a reception This marriage is the culmination of quite an interesting romance. In child-hood the bride and groom had been playmates and had often romped together. When a youth in his early teens, Mr. Horton went to Texas to reside, where he had remained ever since. But a correspondence had ben kept up between the boy and girl until it developed into a betrothal.

Mr. and Mrs. Horton left on the midnight train for a visit to Mr. John W. Lankford, of Lynchburg, the foster father of the groom, and will subsequently visit other points before proceeding to their Texas home. This marriage is the culmination of

Gulnac-Harris.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CHARLOTTESVILLE, V.A., August 8.—
Mr. Robert E. Gulnac, of Engelwood,
N. J., and Miss Lucy Evelyn Harris,
daughter of the late John L. Harris, of
this city, were married at 4 o'clock this
afternoon at the residence of the bride's
sister, Mrs. R. A. Ham, the cerempny
being performed by the Rev. George E.
Booker, pastor of the Methodiat Episcopal church. There were no attendunts.
Mr. and Mrs. Gulnac left on the 5
o'clock train for Cilifton Forge ta visit
relatives of the bride, and the latter part
of the week will go to Engelwood, N. J.,
where they will reside.

Crane-Dempsey.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FREDERICKSHURG, VA., August 8.—
Mr. Walter B. Crane and Miss Mary Dallie Dempsey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
J. T. Dempsey, of Culpeper county, were
married last week at Laci Baptlet Church, in that county, Rev. L. H. Early officiat-ling. Mr. A. P. Dempsey, of this city, a brother of the bride, was best man, and Miss Sarah L. Dempsey, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Mr. and Mrs. Crane lett for a bridal trip, after which they will reside in Culpeper county.

SEVERE WIND STORM.

Orchards, With Heavily Laden Fruit Trees, Blown to Pieces.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

HATTON, ALHEMARLE CO., YA.

Aug. 8.—A severe lightning and hall storm
passed over this section. The hall not
doing much damage, but the wind upiooting many forest trees and tearing
the orchards over-burdened with fruit,
to pleces. to pleces.
Lightning struck the house of Mr. Geo.
W. Babers, near this place, learing one
room almost to pieces, but fortunately no
one was hurt.

For Deputy Collector. ,

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Mr. L. H. Fisher, secretary of the Fourth Civil Service District. United States Civil Service Commission, has issued a circular giving place and time of the examination for the position of deputy collector and inspector, salary \$1,200 per annum, as Richmond, Va., and August 30th, respectively.

The examination will consist of the subjects mentioned below, weighted as indicated: 1. Spoiling, 10; 2. Arithmetic. 25; 3. Penmanship, 15; 4. Letter-Writing. 15; 5. Conversion of Currency, 20; 6. Geography, 15; total, 100.

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The examination is open to all citizens of the United States. For further information, address the secretary of the board of examiners, at the postoffice, in Richmond.

Richmonders in New York.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEW YORK, August S.—Grand Union, E. W. Stone, W. J. Redwood, C. C. Phillips; Holland, J. F. Robbins; Mariborough, N. F. Jacobs, R. M. Bullington, S. H. Woody, M. F. Janws, J. P. Price, T. B. Floyd, T. M. Hobson; Manhattan, H. W. Hartan; Raleigh, Mrs. O. Hudgins, Miss E. Hudgins, Miss S. Young; Albermarle, Mrs. R. S. Bosher, L. H. Bosher; Normandle, H. E. Davis; St. Denis, E. P. Singer; Union Square, J. C. Morris; Everett, J. O. Morris; Continental, T. Howard, A. Heck, W. D. Miller, A. C. Parker; Metropolitan, L. Kesler and wife, L. Roston, Imperial, M. A. Chambers; Grand, L. Smith; Vendome, J. S. Manning, J. Murphy, Jr.; Nassau, S. Cooke; York, J. R. Waynuth, T. M. Hobson, F. Miller, J. G. Mahoney. "And now, my friends, what are these principles that divide parties? The parties separate primarily on questions of political economy. Every industrious citican is both a producer and a consumer.

Appeals to Producer.

"The dominant party appeals to the producer.

"The dominant party appeals to the producer. It tells him that question of greater importance to him is the price at which he disposes of his products, whether these products be labor of the results of labor. The promises the American Consumer the best market in the world in which to buy. The Republican Party promises the American Consumer the best market in the world in which to sell.

"Gentlemen, we cannot have both. Our political opponents may promise high priced alber and cheap products, high priced labor and cheap meat, but they make these promises without possibility of fui-

WARM POLITICS IN PETERSBURG

Practically the Only Subject of Discussion in the Cockade City Now.

. . . MUCH MONEY IS WAGERED

The Result of the Senatorial Battle is of Greatest

Interest.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) PETERSBURG, VA., August 8 .- Politics is practically the sole subject of discusparently the alignments made are such that no influence can break their. Business is dull at this season and abundant time is afforded for political talk in the

time is afforded for political talk in the offices, on the streets, in the clubs and everywhere else that two or three persons or more may happen to meet. The Senatorial contest seems to occupy the center of the field, largely to the exclusion of the gubernatorial fight. The fight being one within the Democratic party, the discussions are generally carried on in good humor, with a little joilying here and there, but at times heat is developed and betting follows. A good deal of money is reported to have already been placed in Petersburg on the result as between Martin and Montague, the odds favoring the former.

Liquor Dealers Deny.

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The Liquor Dealers' Association here seem the charge that they are taking any official or active part in the gubernatorial campaign.

H. C. Doubles, of Richmond, State deputy of the Modern Woodnen of America, spent to-day in the city, looking after the condition of the order nere and circulating around among the members. This is said to be the largest fraternal order in the country, having a membership of three-quarters of a million.

The Board of Aldermen and Common Council held a Joint meeting last evening, the only purpose being to fill the vacancies existing in the school board and police committee. Four new members of the school board were elected and Mr. H. P. Stratton was appointed on the police committee. This committee has full control and discipline of the police department.

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The City Tri-League of base ball
teams has secured a park out on the electric railway line between Petersubrg and
the Central State Hospital, which is now
being used. The field is to be fenced in,
a grand stand and bleachers are to be
built, and other improvements made for
the public accommodation. A game will
be played to-morrow afternoon between
the Collegians and the Country Club
teams.

Hon. Alexander Hamilton and City Attorney George Muson are attending the

ey George Mason are attending the long of the State Bar Association at Point. Messrs. Chas. Hall Davis Charles T. Lasster are there also. Coast Line Stock.

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The advance in Atlantic Coast Line stock brings satisfaction to investors here, where much of the stock is held. A few years ago the city of Petersburg owned a large line of stock in the Petersburg and Weldon branch of this great system, but disposed of it in bulk at a smaller figure than that it has since commanded on the market.

Miss Rosa, H. Ridout and Mr. Edward Bozel, a popular and well known young couple of this city, were married in Hallfax, N. C., April 23rd last, Easter Sunday. The announcement of their marriage was only made last night, much to the surprise of their friends.

Stephen Finney, a white man, late of New York, but for several months a residence of a family on Union street yesterday while intoxicated, and greatly frightened the ladies by his conduct. This morning he was sent to jail for ninety days by the mayor.

GOVERNOR AND

Continued from First Page.)

"because when I was nominated for Attorney-General, I would not go the length and could not speak the language of the tribe. I have worked for the primary since the days of the Roanoke convention. Martin defeated it there. The State Committee defeated it there. The State Committee defeated it thirty-seven to cleven, the thirty-seven being all Martin men. I fought for it in the May Corvention, and have been for it all the time. I want to give the man at the

oriously unreliable."

He stated that the public record of a He stated that the public record of a public official was a proper subject of comment and when it became too holy to be discussed, we might as well squaret the candle of liberty and retire into the obscurity of oblivion. He discussed in his usual manner the subjects of schools, roads, fellow-servants and nominative of United States searours. He can tation of United States senators. He es-pecially poured out the vials of his wrath upon bosses, legislatures and lobbles.

Condemned Lobbies.

"I hate a lobby," he exclaimed. "They have opposed me in Richmond and fought me in Washington. Some persons claim they are necessary; that they furnish the gray matter for legislators. It isn't the gray matter they furnish that I mind, but the long green."

He claimed that Virginia was in danger of falling into as bad an estate as

ger of falling into as bad an estate as New York and Pennsylvania; and appealed o his hearers to vote for him and down

to his hearers to vote for him and down the rings and causeuses.

He especially urged his hearers to attack the primary and stay there all day and work, "For," he cried, 'D'lok Rascalend Jack Scoundrel will be there, and if you don't watch them they will chent you out of your rights."

He said that some good men were for the said that some good men were for the said that some good men were for the said that some good men.

voters. To-day was horse-show day, but the rainy weather kept a good many people from town that would have come otherwise.

The speaker was introduced by Rev. C. R. Brown, who in a well-received speech presented Mr. Martin to the audience. The senator's opening romatas, were regarding the primary plan of electing State officers, for which, he said, his distinguished competitors claimed the honor of inaugurating at the much-talked-of Romaugurating at the primary plan of electing officers. I voice to defeat the viriance to make for that act. At the Richmond convention, where the primary plan of nominating officers was adopted, the Governor never raised his voice in behalf of it, but it was adopted upon my motion, My distinguished competitor is asking you to vote for something Jones and myself have done. He charges that I controlled the Logislature of Virginia, If that is so I am alone responsible for the primary plan, and if he is sent to the Senate he will go for something I have done. Mr. Montague says he favors the single list of schools books. He was one of the men who determined the list of books that should be used in the Extre when he was attorney-general.

Wish to Know When.

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Captain A. J. Tyries, a Montague sympathizer, interrupted the speaker to know the date that Mr. Montague voted for the double list. The Senator's reply was that it was shortly after he became Attorney-General of Virginia.

In reply to the Governor's charge that the Senator was a department runner, he said that from reports of corruption in the offices of the Superintendent of Public Instruction it would seem that a little department running on the Governor's part would not be out of place. He wanted to know if he was expected to do his duty in Washington and the duty of the Governor of Virginia, too. The Senator at length discussed the Virginia debt, which whe recently adjusted. Regarding his service in Washington, the Senator said he hardly had time to eat sometimes for work that he had to do in the departments for the benefit of his colleagues.

"During my twelve years of service," he said, "I have worked nearly sixteen hours each day."

He said that Governor Montague jeered at him for standing by his friends. "Before I would go back on my friends," said the Senator. "I would trample under foot one hundred senatorships."

He said there had not been enough department work done in Richmond; that the people were being charged seventy-five cents for a book that costs eighteen

"The statement which my distinguished competitor made," he said, "wa that if appropriations were all the peopl wanted that it would be better to send a Republican to the Senate." Made On Their Merits.

Made On Their Merits.

Mr. Martin said that a Democrat can get as many appropriations as a Republican, as they are made on their merits. "I will vote for any appropriation," he said, "which I think is just, no matter by what party proposed."

The Senator laid especial stress upon the large number of appropriations which he had gotten for various institutions in the State. Senator Martin read an extract from a speech delivered by the Governor, in which the latter said regarding the defeat of the primgry plan at Governor, in which the latter said regarding the defeat of the primary plan at Roanoke: "Again the junior senator said he defeated it because it would have cose him \$10.000. If he would vote against a just principal to save \$10.000 r don't save hould vote for an unjust principle to save \$10.000 r don't say he would, but I say there is little difference in the two propositions."

Mr. Martin said that all along he ha ried to conduct the campaign on a high plane, but read the above article to show plane, but read the above article to show his hearers how he was being attacked and what forbearance he had to show. Mr. Martin's friends are satisfied with his speech here and are confident that great good has been done his canvass.

EXTERMINATE LIQUOR.

Vigorous Speech Made By Judge Mann in Wise County.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NORTON, VA., Aug. 8.—Judge William Hodges Mann addressed a large and appreciative audience here last night. There was a number of ladies present, and the judge's compliments to them were very appropriate and will received. The speaker was introduced by Mr. H. D. Hull.

Discussing the bad condition of the present road system, Judge Mann advo-

tin men. I want to give the man at the currention, and have been for it all the time. I want to give the man at the end of the county the same power as the at the coming primary for Governor, and remain in the courthouse ring. The junior said if elected would do all in his power said in elected would do all in his power to carry out the principles of the Mann but premises of reform made in immediate contemplation of marriage are noticely unreliable."

SWANSON SPEAKS.

First Visit to the Home County of Senator Martin,

Of Senator Martin,

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., August 8.—
Congressman Claude A. Swanson made his
first public appearance yesterdisty in the
home county of his friend, Senator
Thomas S. Martin. He spoke at noon in
the Courthouse. He was greeted by about
200 residents of the county, some of whom
earter county, enthusiastic.

The control of the county, some of whom were quite enthusiastic.

The speaker was introduced by Judge R. T. W. Duke, Jr., who stated that Mr. Swanson was "the man for the place above all the others that I have heard named." The judge then gave some of the reasons why he was going to vote for the congressman—(1) because he is a man who always sticks up to his friends; (2) that of all the candilates mentioned for the office he measures highest up to the mark; a man who has a had experience in political affairs and has filled a prominent position well; and (3) because he is a self-made man.

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WHAT **PAYNE'S NEW DISCOVERY**

Has Done For a Richmond Motorman.

Mr. F. H. Norris, of No. 1713 West Cary Street, says:

I have been a constant sufferer for more than two years with catarrh of head and stomach, had dripping of mucus from head into throat, suffered with heavy, dull headaches. Every morning got up tired; felt as if had slept very little, had constant desire to clear my throat and expectorated great deal of mucus. This constant dripping affected my stomach and caused me to have a had case of indigestion, bloating after meals, palpitation of the heart, and my system was gradually being run-I have been a constant sufferer for my system was gradually being run-down. After the use of one bottle of Payne's New Discovery those bad symptoms have disappeared, and feel so much better in every way. I think it my duty to let others know how.

PAYNE'S SALESROOMS, 605 EAST MAIN ST.

Payne's Big Free Show To-night, corner Clay and Harrison Sts.

form the expenditure of a large sum of money for the benefit of the public schools; working the convicts in jails and penitentiary on the county roads; the single list of school books, and aid to Con-

pentientary on the control general pentientary on the confederate veterans.

As to his popularity, the congressman said in his opening remarks: All that Montague carried in the Fifth District was Danville and Pittsylvania. After making reference to the number of Republicans who were elected to office in his district at the last gubernatorial election, Mr. Swanson spoke of his many friends throughout the Fifth District, and added: "The best test of a man is how he stands at home with his friends," Continuing, he said: "You will need a popular Democrat to lead the fight against Lewis at the coming election, if I read the signs aright." St. Thomas's Burned and Valu-Reliefs Ruined.

IN ALEXANDRIA

Swanson, Ellyson and Williams Address Large Audience.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ALEXANDRIA, VA., Aug. 8.—Congress nan Swanson addressed the voters of Alexandria this evening in the Opera House in the interest of his candidacy for the governorship, and addresses were also made by Mr, J. Taylor, Ellyson, candidate for Lieutenant-Governor, and Judge Samuel Williams, candidate for the

Attorney-generalship. The large building was comfortably filled, many ladies occupying seats in the gallery. Considerable enthusiasm was manifested. Each of the speakers received repented applause. A band discoursed muste before the meeting and between the speeches.

Mr. Swanson referred to the other candidates for the governorship as being worthy competitors and honorable gentlemen. He asked his hearers to vote for either one of them in preference to

for either one of them in preference to himself if they thought either better

MANN IN LEE.

Is Said to Be Transferring Votes

to His Side. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
JONESVILLE, VA., Aug. 8.—Judge W.
H. Mann addressed an appreciative audicace here at the courthouse to-day in bebalt of his candidacy for election as the Democratic candidate for Governor. He made a very favorable impression and his speech was received with enthusiasm and

applause.
It is being said that his visit to the capplause in the making for him many friends have supported one of the other candidates. He went to Pennington Gap this afternoon, where he made an address to-night.

TO PROHIBITIONISTS.

Staunton, Va., July 31, '05.

To the Prohibitionists of the State of Virginia—Greeding:

We, the undersigned Prohibitionists believe that the only attitude for Amen to assume who are opposed to the manufacture, importation and sale of alcoholic liquors for beverage purposes is to hold alcof from all entangling alliances with men or parties that favor license in any form, and that we will not jeopardize our sovereignty as free and independent clitizens by entering and taking part in any party primary whereby we would be bound to support and vote for that party's nominees, and in the event of the nomination of men who are in favor of that infamous, infernal, inexcusable, damnable traffic that is God's worst enemy and Satan's best friend, summed up in the one word saloon, so that we may call a convention of temperance men and nominate candidates for the various State and county officers to be voted for in the ensuing election.

JAMES W. RODLEY,

B. A. BLAKEMORE,

JAMES J. POTTER,

A. LEE KNOWLES,

DR. II. S. HOGSETT,

D. W. LANDES,

J. C. HOUFF,

C. K. ZIRKLE,

JNO. P. CLEVELAND,

J. FRANK SMITH,

REV. J. H. TAYLOR,

FAMOUS CHURCH

able Paintings and Bas-

BELL RANG AS TOWER SANK

Homes of Rockefeller and Other New York Millionaires in

Danger.

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Aug. 8.-St. Thomas's Episcopal Church at Fifth Avenue and Fifty-third Street, one of the most righly

furnished religious edifices in America was wrecked by fire to-day. Within a block of the rulned church are the homes of half a score of the country's wealthiest men. On Fifty fourth Street, directly in the rear, is the city residence of John D. Rockefeller, and nearby are the residences of William Rockefeller, P. McKay Twombley, Colonel J. J. McCook, and the home of the late Daniel S. Lamont. The Hotel St. Regis is scarcely one block away, and scores of the finest city homes in America are in the section of which St. Thomas church was practically the centre. The fire was confined to the church.

confined to the church.

Defective electric wiring is supposed to have started the blaze. The loss is estimated by Fire Chief Croker at at least a quarter of a million dollars. Only a mere shell of stone walls was left standing, and many very valuable paintings and bas-reliefs were ruined. One bronze bas-relief, called "The Adoration of the Cross," and valued at \$5,000, was totally destroyed. Two large paintings, "The Resurrection" and "Christ Healing the Sick," were also burned. John La Farge executed the paintings, and the bas-relief was from Augustus St. Gaudens. Sumptuous altar and chancel furnishings, including a \$20,000 organ, were destroyed

Sumptious altar and chancel furnishings, including a \$20,000 organ, were destroyed by the fire.

For a time John D. Rockefeller's home was in danger. Firemen, who stood with their hose lines in the windows of Mr. Rockefeller's home, concentrated the streams of water on the 206-foot stone tower of the church, which for a time threatened to topple over on the Rockefeller home, owing to the intense heat at the tower's base.

STEAMER AFIRE, SIGNALS FOR AID

Blaze on Merchants and Miners Ship Kershaw Extinguished

By Crew.

(By Associated Press.) BOSTON, August 8 .- Captain Bond, of the steamer Kershaw, of the Merchants' and Miners' Transportation Company. which arrived to-day from Baltimore, reported that a fire broke out on the steamer during the trip, but that it was extinguished after five hours of hard work by the crew.

The damage to the cargo, which con-

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at the right prices.

E. H. SPENCE.

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9th St., Opp. Rueger's.

ever, the fire on the Kershaw was ex-tinguished and Captain Bond, having signalied the Dorchester that her ser-vices were no longer required, resumed the course to Boston.

TAZEWELL DEMOCRATS

They Elect Delegates to the Senatorial Convention, Aug. 31, (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

TAZEWELL, VA., August 8 .- At a neeting of Democrats of Taxewell county here to-day, delegates were elected to the Senatorial Convention at Gedar Bluff August 3ist. The convention will nominate a Senator for the countles of Tazewell, Russell, Buchansa and Dieken-son, and a member of the Lower House for this county.

OBITUARY.

Charles P. Sapp. Charles P. Sapp.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NORFOLK, VA., August & Charles
Pincknoy Sapp, editor of the VirginianFilot, died suddenly at the St. Vincent
Hospital this morning. He went there
Sunday, a week ago, for treatment. His
case was hopeless. Ho was thirty-three
years old and was born and reared near
Concord, N. C. He was educated at Wake
Fronst and at the University at Chapel
Hill, after which he taught school in
North Carolina and Tennessee, and then
began as a newspaper writer on the
Greensboro Telegram, going from that
to the Raleigh News and Observer, and
from that to the Virginian-Pilot here. He to the Raleigh News and Observer, and from that to the Virginian-Pilot here. He came here in March 1990, and was recognized as a vigorous writer and a well equipped newspaper editor. He has been in bad health for more than a year, and took a vacation last winter in the hope of recuperating, but returned to his exacting duties too soon to obtain permanent benefit, and, therefore, he has not been in good health for months. He has many relatives in North Carolina, including his mother, are. F. V. Barrier, at Concord, three brothers in the vicinity, and a married sister in Raleigh. The body will be sent to Concord for burial.

William H. Foster. Mr. William H. Foster, son of John W. and the late Frances A. Foster, died yesterday morning, aged twenty-nine years. He leaves a widow, his father, and three

Funeral of Miss Hanewinckel. The funeral of Miss Gretchen Ells Hanewinckel, who died at her home, No. 103 West Cary Street, Monday night at 11:20 o'clock, will take place this afternoon at 4 o'clock from Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church. She will be buried in Hollywood Cemetery.

John McC. Godwin.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Address Warning Them Against
Entangling Alliances.

Staunton, Va., July 81, '05.

To the Prohibitionists of the State of Virginia—Greefing:

We, the underrigned Prohibitionists believe that the only attitude for Amen to assume who are opposed to the manufacture, importation and sale of alcoholic liquors for beverage purposes is to hold alcof from all entangling alliances with men or parties that favor license in any form, and that we will not jeopardize our sovereignty as free and independent citizens by entering and tak-

bemarle.

Although in feeble health, he taught his class in Sunday school almost up to the very end. Mr. Godwin was twice married. Six children survive—two sons and four daughters.

Mrs. M. A. Booton.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

LURAY, VA., August 8.—Mrs. Martha, A. Booton, aged about seventy years, died at the home of her son, Judge E. T. Booton, in Luray, last night. Her death was unexpected, only a few of her intimate friends knowing of her illness. Mrs. Booton was the widow of Dr. John G. Booton, for many years a distinguished physician of Luray, and a daughter of the late Elder William C. Lauck, in his days one of the most prominent Primitive Baptist divines in Virginia, She was a very popular woman, many of the husiness houses of the town being closed during her funoral services, which were conducted at a late hour this afternoon, the interment taking place in Greenhill Cemetery.

Mrs. Sarah Orine. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., August S.—
Mrs. Sarah Orine died yesterday at the
nome of Mr. James Bowier, in Stafford
county, aged sixty-five years. She is gurvived by one sister.

DEATHS.

HANEWINCKEL-Died, at the residence of her parents, No. 100 West Cary Street, at 11:30 P. M. August 7th, GRETCHEN ELLA, accol fitteen years, ten months, youngest daugster of Christopher and Annie Hamewinckel. Funeral 6 clock 70:7DAT (Wednesday) from Bethieltem Evanguist Leiherm Church, corner Exts and Clay Streets.